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SUBJ: AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL UNDER FIRE AGAIN

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1. BOTH ENGLISH AND FARSI PRESS JAN 26 AND 27 CARRIED ACCOUNTS OF NEW AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL-SPONSORED MEETING ALLEGEDLY TO BE HELD IN AMSTERDAM FEB 18. MEETING SUPPOSEDLY TO INCLUDE 150 ACTIVIST LEADERS OF ANTI-IRANIAN "ACTION GROUPS" BASED IN WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

2. ACCORDING TO STORIES HERE DATELINED PARIS, FRENCH PRESS
HAS SAID MEETING WILL BE OPENED BY EXILED CHILEAN COMMUNIST
AND HAD BEEN PLANNED AFTER FAILURE OF ANOTHER ANTI-IRAN CAMPAIGN
WHICH AMNESTY HAD REPORTEDLY RESCHEDULED FELL THROUGH FOLLOWING
GERMAN DISCLOSURES OF AMNESTY PLANS (REF A). AMSTERDAM SOURCES
ARE REPORTED AS HAVING SENT "THOUSANDS" OF INVITATIONS TO
ANTI-IRANIANS, BUT SAY MANY GROUPS WERE UNWILLING TO COOPERATE AS RESULT OF LEAKAGE OF EARLIER PLANS. ACCOUNT HERE
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SAYS MEETING PLANNED TO TAKE UP SAVAK ACTIVITIES, HUMAN RIGHTS IN IRAN, AND TREATMENT OF IRANIAN POLITICAL PRISONERS, THEN APPROVE ACTION PLAN AGAINST IRAN. COST ESTIMATED AT ALMOST \$100,000, WHICH AMNESTY'S INTERNATIONAL SECTION IN LONDON HAS REPORTEDLY AGREED TO FUND.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION PARIS AND AMSTERDAM

HAVE ON ABOVE, ESPECIALLY SINCE ALLEGATIONS ALMOST TOO CONVENIENT FROM GOI'S PERSPECTIVE, WHICH IS RAPIDLY MAKING AMNESTY ITS BETE NOIRE IN HUMAN RIGHTS AREA.

4. FOR BONN AND LONDON: WOULD APPRECIATE ANYTHING YOU DEVELOP WHICH MIGHT BE RELEVANT TO EITHER EVENT. MIKLOS

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